1913

EXPENSE BOOK

OF

JOHN HALSTED,

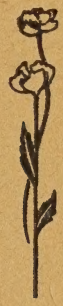
Commissary under *BENEDICT ARNOLD*,

Before Quebec, 1776.

Printed from the original manuscript book in the possession of

THOS. O'LEARY, Asst. Librarian

CHATEAU DE RAMEZAY.



MONTREAL

C. A. MARCHAND, PRINTER

40 Jacques Cartier Square.

1913

RB168,774

EXPENSE BOOK

OF

JOHN HALSTED,

Commissary under *BENEDICT ARNOLD*,

Before Quebec, 1776.

Printed from the original manuscript book in the possession of

THOS. O'LEARY, Asst. Librarian

CHATEAU DE RAMEZAY.

MONTREAL

C. A. MARCHAND, PRINTER

40 Jacques Cartier Square.

—

1913

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2024 with funding from
University of Toronto

https://archive.org/details/expensebookofjoh00hals

ARNOLD AT QUEBEC

A REMINISCENCE OF THE AMERICAN INVASION OF 1775.

Having, recently, acquired a most interesting historical item, which the Editors of the "Canadian Antiquarian" deem of sufficient interest to present to the readers of that Journal, I have made a transcription of it.

It consists of the manuscript Expense Book of the Commissary under Benedict Arnold when in command at Quebec, after the death of Montgomery. The book is a pocket memorandum, measuring three and one half, by four and one half inches.

The entries commence 8th Feb'y, 1776, and end May 17th, 1776.

They go to show that large sums of money were disbursed for the purchase of beef and other supplies, and that, to give the invader his due, he paid his way, to this extent at least, and did not live at the expense of the inhabitants, as it may possibly have been assumed.

This little book is in excellent condition, when it is remembered that it was with difficulty that

the American soldiers at Quebec, brought even their bodies back. The wonder is that this book should have survived the perils and dangers of that unfortunate expedition. But, more wonderful is the fact, that the book should have found its way back to the very locality, at Quebec, where it had been in 1775, whence I got it, and then to the Château de Ramezay, the Head Quarters of the Continental Army in 1775-76.

THOS. O'LEARY,
Assistant Librarian.

MICARTIE'S ACCT.

Jan. 7. 16 4 Loads from Mr. Bondfields
1 do to . . (?)
1 do from Mr. Bondfields
16.. 3 do from do

Washing Woman
Widow Giroux at Renauds

St Foix 8th Feb.y 1776
Recd from General Arnold

Three Hundred & Sixty pounds
Lawfull money or £300 " "
Hx. Cur.y

---

gave Mr. Jno. Taylor to Acct.
50 pistoles @ 18|4 £45"16"8

Sent Mr. Edward Walters at Point
Levy 100 Pistoles @ 18|4 £91"13"4

Feb.7 8th 1776

paid Michael Amiell (Hamel) to Acct.
to Buy Beef 40 dolls. or £10"0"0
one Do Loon . . . . . 3"13"4

12th

paid Mr. Taylor to Acct. £18"6"8
paid— to 13th to Acct. 45"16"8

64"3"4

13th

Sent Mr. Waters by Lambert
50 pistoles @ 18|4 -- £45"16"8

---

paid Carrie to Acct.for Crossing Beef
& flour 12 pistoles @ 18|4 £11"0"0

14th

Recd, from General Arnold one
Hundred & Twenty pistoles or one
Hundred & Thirty two pounds Lawfull

Equal to £110"0"0 Hx.——

Feb.y 15th 1776

Sent Mr. Edward Waters by Lambert
Fifty Six pistoles @ 18|4 Hx. £51"6"8

———— ————

paid Mr. Taylor to Acct. £23.6.8

———— 17th ————

paid Carie to Acct. for Crossing Beef
four pistoles @ 18|4 Hx. £3"13"4

———— ————

paid Mr. Taylor to Acct. £23"6"8

———— 18th ————

Recd. of General Arnold Twenty
five pounds Hx. Cur.y £25"0"0

———— ————

paid Edward Waters to Acct. Twenty
five pounds Hx. Cur.y—£25"0"0

Feb.y 22nd. 1776

Paid Isaac Gordon for going
round the Island of Orleans —
after provisions 7|6 Hx. £0"7"6

———— 23 ————

paid Pierre Châlou to Acct.
Seven pounds 6|8 Hx. £7"6"8
Recd. of Genl. Arnold to Acct. Fifty
pounds Lawfull or £41"13"4 Hx.—

———— ————

paid Mr. Taylor to Acct. £41"13"4

——————— 24th ———————

paid Michael Amiel a Ballance
for Buyin 27 Cattle... £3"17"4½
En: 15th. Decemr. 1775
Feb.y 26th 1776
Recd. of General Arnold Fifty
pounds Lawfull or Hx. £41"13"4

———————— ————————

paid Mr. Taylor to Acct. £41"13"4

———————— ————————

Recd. of General Arnold one
Hundred pounds Lawfull
. . . . . or Hx. £83"6"8

———————— ————————

Sent Edward Waters by
Mr. Bondfield — £15"13"4
Sent do 27 by Mr Houston 30 " "

————————

——————— 27 ———————

Gave Michael Amiel to Acct.
to Buy Beef as pr. Rect. £37"0"0
March 1st. 1776
Recd. of Genl. Arnold Sixty —
pounds Lawfull or Hx. £50.0.0

———————— ————————

Hx.
Gave Mr. John Taylor to Acct. £22.0.0

———————— ————————

Recd. from Point Levy 4 pecies
Iron wt. 89 lb.....

——————— 2 —

Gave Mr. Taylor to Acct. £7"13"9

——————— 4th ———————

Recd. of Genl. Arnold One Thousand
Dollars in paper money.....
Or ..... Hx. — £250" " "
paid Mr. John Taylor to Acct.
five Hundred & Twelve dollars
in paper Currency Hx. £128 " "

March 5th 1776

Sent Mr. Edward Waters four
Hundred & Eighty four dollars
in papers Cur.y — Hx. £121.0.0

——————— ———————

Recd. of Genl. Arnold three
Hundred dollars in Silver
£90"—Lawfull or Hx. £75"0.0

——————— 6th ———————

Gave Noel Belau on Acct. to—
buy Beef at Isle Orleans fifty
dollars in Silver Hx. £12.10.0

——————— 9th ———————

paid a Cariole & Expences to
St. Jochain 10s- Hx.
after Beef &c.

13th

paid to man going to St. Jochain
by Genl. Arnolds Order after Wheat
7|6 Entd. 15th.

——————— 14th———————

Recd. from Genl. Arnold one Hundred
& Eighty three pounds four Shills.
Lawfull or Hx. ——— £152"13.4

——————— ———————

Mr. Taylor Dr. To Cash from the
Above sum .... Hx.—£4"13.4

——————— ———————

paid Mr. Fregith Arnolds Expenses
to Point Levy 5|- Enterd 15th.

——————— 15th———————

Gave Dubore at Bertie to Buy
Beef &c Thirty Dollars to Acct.
£7"10"0

17th. March

Examined the Farm at River
de Loup & found———————
4 pair Oxen property of Major Cadwell
2 pair Dt. property of John ———
Maglauglin the Farmer ————
in good Order but not Fat ———

15th. March 1776

Gave Mr. Lebrun to buy Beef &c
for the Army Ninety Six pounds

thirteen Shills. & 4d Hx. to Acct.
£96.13.4

---

17 paid Ferie to Acct. 46|8 for Carriage of Provision

19th

paid Joseph Jean Guay for ——
going to River de Soud after———
flour in Decemr. Last Hx. 15|-
Enterd to date

---

paid Pierre Jeaque Guay for
going to St. Egan to Buy Beef
&c for the Army 39 Livers or £1"12"6
End. to date—

20th

paid Noel Belau going round
the Island of Orleans after Beef
&c 30 Livers or Hx. —— £1"5"0
Entd. to date——

20th. March 1776

paid Cariole from point Levy to
River de Loup & back again
being 80 Leagues @ 1|— £4.0.0
Expences on the Road 7 days - 1"1"6

Entd. to Acct. Hx. £5"1.6

Gave E. Waters to Acct. Hx. £43.0.0

Recd. from Genl. Arnold viz

			Lawfull
14th. by Mr. Taylor	£250-Hx.		£300.0.0
do. by do.	85	- -	102 - -
19— by do.	166"13.0	or	200 - -
20— by do.	25	- -	30 - -

---

23. Mr. Bondfield for E. Waters
Twenty five pounds Hx. or 30 " "

27th. by J. Halsted 80 " " or 96. " "
27 & 30 by Mr.Taylor 12.-0"10—14.9.0

27th. March 1776

Sent E. Waters by Mr. Bondfield

10 half Jos		£20.0.0
7 do. Loons @ £3.13.4		25.13.4
160 dollars in paper	——	40.0.0
	Hx.	£85.13.4

30

paid Capt. Esperance as pr. Rect.

11"3"14 Nt. flour @ 10|-		£5.18.9
15 Bus Pease @ 5|-		3"15.0
Entd to date ——		£9"13"9

31st

Recd. of Mr. Lebrun forty Guineas and Twenty dolls. is Hx. £51"13.4

Recd. of Mr. Le Brune four pair womans shoes one pair mans Shoes five Quires paper & 1000 Shingle Nails.

1st. April 1776

paid Joseph Roy at Beaumont

319 ℔ Beef a 1¾d	£2"6.4
185 ℔ pork . —@ 3d	2"6.3
as per Rect.	£4"12.7
20 ct. flour ...@ 10|-	10. " "

2nd

paid Cariole to Cape St. Ignace after provisions 28 Leagues @ 1\|-£1"8.0

Expences three days	7.6
Entd. to date	£1"15.6

paid E. Waters to Acct.

Thirty Six Guineas ...	£42"0.0
Twenty dollars	5. - -
	£47"0.0

——————— 5th ———————

paid John Duca to Acct.
for Genl. Arnold 20|- £1"0.0
paid Cariole to & from Jacartie 0"18.6
paidExpences to do 4.6

Entd. to date £1"3.0

St Pierre April 1st.
Michael Blau 300 Bus Wheat
Louis Fountain 50 do.
5th. April 1776
Recd. of Larose or Guillott—
——————— 1546 Bus. Wheat
from Marlett 396 Bus. do.
for Acct. of Messr. Price & Haywood

——————— 8th———————

paid Capt. Esperance . ———
for 6"0.0. Nt. flour @ 10|- £3.0.0
Enterd

——————— 12th. ———————

Recd. of Michael Hamiell one
Hundred & twelve dolls. £28"0.0.

——————— ———————

paid Mr. Taylor to Acct. 20|—

——————— 20th. ———————

paid 8 Cords Wood for the Bake
House at Mr. Bondfields brought

from Point Levy @ 5|6 £2"4.0
Enterd to date

17th. April 1776

Recd. of Mr. James Hanna Ten
pounds Hx. to be returned £10. - -
Returnd 6 May

——————26th.——————

Bot. of Mr. Faillon Priest at Cape
Santie 550 Bus. Wheat @ 4 Livers

—————— ——————

paid Carriages to & from Cape
Santie 20 League @ 1|- £1"0.0
paid Expences 6.0

——————

after Wheat & flour £1"6.0

—————— 26th. ——————

paid Saml. Graham 30 days —
as a Baker at Silery 18|9 Hx.
Enterd

—————— ——————

paid Jeaque Marcau for
18 Bus Wheat @ 3|4 Hx. &3"0.0
Entd. to date

April 26

Mr. Taylor paid for Baking
13th. Feb. 7
To Francis Brittain £18"6.8
To John Frichett — 14"13.4

18th. March
To Francis Brittain 34" " "

---

paid Serjant Guion to pay for
Wood for Bake House at Siley
Three pounds 13|4 Hx. £3"13.4
14th. April

May 3rd 1776
Recd. of Genl. Wooster two Hundred
pounds Hx. to Acct. £200.0.0

May 4th. 1776
Recd. of Mr. John Winslow assist. pay
Mast. one thousand dols. in paper
by Virtue of a Warant from Genl.
Wooster ..... Hx. £250.0.0

---

gave Michael Hamel to pay
for Wheat bot. at Jeaque Cartie
& Cape Santie one Hundred ——
pounds Hx. — —— £100..0.0

---

paid Mr. John Taylor Thirty Six
pounds to Acct. ———— £36..0.0

---

paid Edward Waters one Hundred
pounds by Carrie —— £100.0.0

May 4th. 1776

paid Francis Brittain to Acct.
Twenty four pounds £24..0.0

---

paid John Frechett to Acct.
Twenty pounds ——— £20.0.0

——————— 17th.———————

paid James Glenny on Genl. Woosters
Order Twelve half Jos.....£24"0.0

The following note is written at the end of the entries by a W. Paterson, into whose possession the book, no doubt, subsequently came:

"The foregoing entries would seem to have been made by some person who was connected with the military operations in Canada 1775-76, perhaps in the Commissary department, possibly John Halsted. There is no mem. to indicate the name."

W. PATERSON Sept 24|29